



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Environmental Performance Improvement Support System  
and Environmental Performance Improvement Support  
Method

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.